

June 19, 2026



The Ninety-Three

FEMA Announces More than \$420 Million in Federal Funds to Support Emergency Management Across the Country

FEMA announced more than \$420 million in two funding opportunities to empower state, local, tribal, and territorial government agencies to strengthen their emergency response capabilities and their resilience to potential catastrophic incidents.

FEMA is disbursing this money through two separate grant programs. Through the **Emergency Management Performance Grant program**, FEMA is providing \$337 million to state, local, Tribal Nation, and territorial governments to invest in training and equipment for emergency response personnel. Through the **Emergency Operations Center Grant program**, FEMA is providing \$83 million to enhance state emergency operations centers, which serve as centralized hubs to coordinate information, resources, and decision-making during a crisis. Both of these programs are focused on building and strengthening emergency preparedness and response capabilities at the state and local level, helping ensure Americans are protected in times of greatest need.

Click the button below to read the full FEMA advisory and learn more about applying.

[Read Full FEMA Advisory](#)

NACO Property Assessment Flyer

NACO created a flyer for those who may be interested in participating in a protest or budget hearing based on their recent assessment notice.

Please feel free to share it with your communities or on your social media channels if you find it helpful. [Click here to download the flyer.](#)

SHOULD YOU PROTEST YOUR PROPERTY ASSESSMENT?

Your property assessment is the county assessor's estimate of your property's **taxable value** for the year.
Not your tax bill.

Your property assessment can change because of market trends, new improvements, remodeling, damage, removal of improvements, or outside influences.

Nebraska County Assessment Notice

Legal Description: _____

Site Address: _____

Owner: JOHN SMITH
23 COUNTY RD
COUNTY, NE

Tax Year: _____

Parcel ID: XXX-XXX

Name: XXXX

Prior Value: \$XXX,XXX

Current Value: \$XXX,XXX

Do you have questions or concerns about tax rate or your property taxes?



Does the assessed value of your property not reflect market value?

ENGAGE WITH LOCAL TAXING AUTHORITIES

The county assessor does not set tax rates or collect taxes.

Property Assessment × **Tax Rate** = **Property Tax**

Your property tax is calculated by multiplying your taxable value by the total consolidated tax rate for your tax district.

That tax rate is built from local budgets for schools, county, city, community college, natural resources district, and other local authorities.

Participate in a local government budget hearing.
Visit the local taxing authority's website for meeting details.

CONSIDER PROTESTING

Protest when the assessed value does not reflect what you could sell the property for.

Good reasons to review or protest include:

- Recent sales suggest your market value is lower.
- Similar nearby properties are valued lower.
- The home facts are incorrect
- A change, remodel, damage, or removal was not reflected correctly.

Ask for **Form 422**: Property Valuation Protest form. Available through the county clerk or Nebraska Department of Revenue. Be sure to file by the deadline - June 30.

Source: Nebraska Department of Revenue, Nebraska Property Assessment FAQs. This flyer is informational only; check your county assessor or county clerk for local procedures and deadlines.

[Download the Property Valuations Flyer](#)

News Release from the Nebraska Department of Revenue

REMINDER: The [Nebraska Homestead Exemption Application](#) - Form 458 - and all required forms and documentation must be filed with the county assessor on or before June 30, 2026.



Jim Pillen, Governor

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FOR INFORMATION, CONTACT:
Sarah Scott, Property Tax Administrator
Property Assessment Division
402-471-5962

Tax Year 2026 Homestead Exemption

JUNE 16, 2026 (LINCOLN, NEB.) – The Nebraska Department of Revenue, Property Assessment Division (DOR), reminds property owners that the [Nebraska Homestead Exemption Application, Form 458](#), and all required forms and documentation must be filed with their county assessor **on or before June 30, 2026**.

The homestead exemption provides relief from property taxes by exempting all or a portion of the taxable value of the residence. The State of Nebraska reimburses counties and other governmental subdivisions for the property taxes lost due to homestead exemptions.

In Nebraska, a homestead exemption is available to the following categories of property owners:

- Persons age 65 or older before January 1, 2026;
- Qualified disabled individuals; or
- Qualified disabled veterans and their surviving spouses.

Some categories are subject to household income and residence valuation limitations. The income limitations are on a sliding scale based on filing status and homestead exemption category.

Homestead exemption forms and information are available at revenue.nebraska.gov/PAD/homestead-exemption.

For more information on the homestead exemption program, please contact your county assessor or DOR at 888-475-5101.

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AUG 6

LEADING WITH YOUR STRENGTHS

In-person, Kearney
9am -12 pm CT

AUG 13

THRIVING THROUGH CHANGE

Virtual
12pm CT/ 11am MT

AUG 20

AI ESSENTIALS FOR OFFICIALS

Virtual
12pm CT/ 11am MT

AUG 27

STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP

In-person, Kearney
9am-12pm CT

TO REGISTER:
go.unl.edu/NACOIOE



Registration Fee: \$200
Registration Deadline: August 1, 2026

Joint Public Hearing Refresher Webinar

Join us on **July 24 at 2:00 p.m. Central Time** for a refresher webinar reviewing new legislation, preparing the pink postcard, and conducting the joint public hearing.

[Register Here](#)

From NACo: OMB Proposes Major Overhaul of Federal Grant Rules

On May 29, the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB), in coordination with all federal grantmaking agencies, published a [proposed rule](#) in the Federal Register rewriting 2 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200. Commonly referred to as Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Part 200 is the regulation that governs federal grants administered by all federal agencies and applies to counties and other entities. The proposed rule is the largest revision to the Uniform Guidance since its initial publication in 2013.

Comments on the proposed rule are due July 13, 2026. NACo encourages county officials to review the proposed rule and submit comments reflecting any impacts, questions, or concerns.

NACo is reviewing the proposed rule and will be developing comments and will provide updates as the rulemaking progresses. In submitting comments, please search for recent submissions by OMB to find docket OMB-2026-0034, which includes the full text of the proposed revisions, and submit comments there.

Read more by clicking the button below.

[OMB Proposes Major Overhaul of Federal Grant Rules](#)

Registration Open for Thriving Children, Families, and Communities Conference

Registration is now open for the Thriving Children, Families, and Communities Conference!

Big conversations. Even bigger ideas. Join hundreds of people working for Nebraska's future.

This conference brings together people from across Nebraska who know that thriving communities don't happen by accident. They happen when educators, child care providers, business leaders, health professionals, advocates, nonprofits, and local champions come together to focus on Nebraska's most pressing early childhood challenges.

This year will feature inspiring speakers, practical breakout sessions, real stories from Nebraska communities, and plenty of opportunities to connect with others doing meaningful work in early childhood across the state.

Here's what to know:

Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2026

Younes Conference Center North

Kearney, Nebraska

Even better? It's free to attend.

Visit the [conference website to register](#).

Eakes Office Solutions 2026 County Envelope Sale

Open Until June 30th

Eakes Office Solutions is running a sale on custom-printed business envelopes. Prices listed below are good through June 30, 2026.

Fill out an order form [here!](#)

SAVE

Custom-Printed
Business Envelopes

Prices good through June 30, 2026

Prices for 1 color imprint—Black		Sale Price per Box of 500			
Item #	Description	2 Boxes	5 boxes	10 Boxes	20 Boxes
10REG1COL	#10 Plain	\$43.99	\$39.99	\$35.99	\$32.99
10REG1COLSS	#10 Self-Seal Plain	\$55.99	\$50.99	\$46.99	\$44.99
10WIN1COL	#10 Window	\$48.99	\$44.99	\$40.99	\$38.99
10WIN1COLSS	#10 Self-Seal Window	\$61.99	\$57.99	\$54.99	\$50.99
10TINT1COL	#10 Security Tint	\$47.99	\$43.99	\$40.99	\$38.99
10TINT1COLSS	#10 Self-Seal Security Tint	\$65.99	\$61.99	\$57.99	\$55.99
10WTINT1COL	#10 Window & Security Tint	\$52.99	\$48.99	\$44.99	\$41.99
10WTINT1COLSS	#10 Self-Seal Window & Tint	\$72.99	\$69.99	\$65.99	\$62.99
9REG1COL	#9 Plain	\$42.99	\$39.99	\$36.99	\$33.99

Item #	Quantity	Ink Color	Set-Up
		<input type="checkbox"/> Black	<input type="checkbox"/> Left Justified <small>ABC Company 123 South Street City, State 68888-0001</small>
			<input type="checkbox"/> Centered <small>ABC Company 23 South Street City, State 68888-0001</small>
Logo—Please provide art in electronic format at minimum 300 dpi, 600 dpi preferred. A \$25 set-up charge may be applied if imprint needs clean-up.		Clearly write or type exactly what you want printed on each line:	

Eakes Order Form

2026 NACO Business Members

Support provided by our generous business members helps NACO expand our educational programming for Nebraska county officials. Business members enjoy a number of benefits, including features on our website and social media pages. We also offer our business members discounts on sponsorships and 15% off the cost of booking our NACO West Training Center in Ogallala.

2026 business memberships are still open. Click the button below to learn more.

2026 Business Memberships

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PREMIUM MEMBERS



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